

# Hawaii Marine



Lance Cpl. Elizabeth A. Case | III Marine Expeditionary Force

Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr. addresses guests and members of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, and Okinawa community members June 14 outside building 1 on Camp Foster during a change of command ceremony and retirement. Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri relinquished his command to Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson. Talleri retired from the Marine Corps during the ceremony, having completed 34 years of distinguished service.

## Hudson assumes command from Talleri

**Lance Cpl. Elizabeth Case**  
*III Marine Expeditionary Force*

**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri relinquished command of Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler to Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson June 14 during a ceremony outside Building 1 on Camp Foster. Talleri has served as commanding

general of MCB Camp Butler since July 2010 and commanding general of MCIPAC since the establishment of the command in September 2011. Hudson was commissioned in 1981 upon graduation from The Citadel and was subsequently assigned to 2nd Force Service Support Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force. He served as a platoon commander and detachment commander with 2nd Landing Support

Battalion and Marine Amphibious Unit Service Support Group 22. “(My wife and I) are extremely excited and honored to be a part of this command and part of the Marines in the Pacific area of responsibility,” said Hudson. “We will do our utmost to continue to provide support to the Marines assigned to the Pacific area and their families during our tour.” Hudson has commanded many units

since his commissioning and has participated in operations in Grenada, Lebanon, the Arabian Gulf, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. Before reporting to Okinawa as the commanding general of MCIPAC and MCB Camp Butler, he was the commanding general of Marine Corps Logistics Command, Albany, Ga. In a letter, Gen. James F. Amos, *See HUDSON, A-8*

## Vietnam-era ‘America’s Battalion’ Marine earns Silver Star

**Sgt. Raymond Lott**  
*Marine Forces Reserve*

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** — What do you do when your platoon commander is killed? One Marine knows the answer — take charge. Sgt. Gary L. Hill, who completed his service in 1969, received the nation’s third-highest award for doing just that during a ceremony at the Tuscaloosa Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center, June 7. Retired Gen. Charles C. Krulak, former commandant of the Marine Corps, presented Hill with the Silver Star Medal for his leadership as a junior Marine during the Vietnam War. “I only did what I had to do to stay alive, and that’s keep moving,” Hill said. “The Marine Corps raises everybody to be a leader if they need to be. If you’re the last man standing you’re the leader anyhow.” Retired Maj. James M. Burke coordinated the arrival of Krulak and a Marine color guard from the Anti-Terrorism Battalion in nearby Bessemer. “That’s a hell of an award for a

lance corporal,” Burke said. “I wanted to do what I could to make sure that he received the recognition in the professional manner that he deserves. I have great respect for enlisted Marines that receive high honors because there are so many that never get recognized.” Hill was almost one of those Marines until one day at church when a family friend, Jeff Brown, heard Hill’s story. Brown knew he needed to be recognized. So Brown made contact with retired Vietnam veteran Maj. Gen. John Admire to make sure Hill received due credit. Admire has been working for 40 years to recognize his Marines who served during Vietnam and Hill was no exception. Admire worked tirelessly on substantiating records until Hill was approved for the Silver Star Medal for his actions while Hill served with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. “We call it, ‘bringing Gary out of the jungle,’” said former Marine Bill Lightkep, Hill’s brother-in-law. “To get that award ... is really about closure ... for what really happened.” According to the citation, Hill’s



Sgt. Raymond Lott | Marine Forces Reserve

**Retired Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Charles C. Krulak greets Gary L. Hill before he is presented with the Silver Star Medal at the Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center, June 7.** platoon commander was killed just after they were directed to assault Hill 881-South in Khe Sanh. The Marines were in need of a leader. Hill answered the call of duty. He rallied and led his fire team to protect their dangerously-exposed right flank. *See SILVER, A-8*



Sgt. Sarah Fiocco | Marine Rotational Force Darwin

**A Marine with weapons platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force Darwin, provides security during a patrol to a trench, in Mount Bunday Training Area, Northern Territory, Australia, June 13.**

## Marines, soldiers train at Mount Bunday

**Sgt. Sarah Fiocco**  
*Marine Rotational Force Darwin*

**MOUNT BUNDEY TRAINING AREA, Northern Territory, Australia** — Marines with weapons platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force Darwin, and Australian soldiers with Bravo Company, 5th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, relied on the

support of each other to complete various training exercises, from June 3 through 14. The Marines and their Australian counterparts traveled to every training exercise by foot, covering approximately 65 kilometers of land, while carrying approximately 90 pounds of gear on their backs. “We spent three days of initial integration with the soldiers here in Bravo Company learning the

way they do business,” said 1st Lt. Mike Kopa, platoon commander, weapons platoon, Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, MRF-D. “After the first three days, we began exercises which started in kind of a crawl, walk, run fashion. As we moved each day, we would face some sort of enemy resistance, starting with a two-to-three man

*See BUNDEY, A-8*



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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Hours reduced at Family Housing Department

The department is planning to limit its hours due to furloughs from July 8 to Sept. 30. The department and the Temporary Lodging Allowance Offices will be closed on Fridays. Customer service hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for Wednesdays. Forest City and the 802 Maintenance Office are not affected by furloughs, and their hours of operation will be unchanged. For details, call 257-0978.

## DEERS ID Card Center Closure

The DEERS ID Card Center will be closed today and Monday for interior painting. For those desiring DEERS/RAPIDS Service outside of this closure period, please schedule your appointment online at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>. Call 257-2077 with any questions.

## Massachusetts to hold election for U.S. Senate

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will hold a special general election for U.S. Senate, Tuesday, to fill the seat vacated by Sen. John Kerry. Those serving outside the U.S. territorial limits must submit a Federal Post Card Application to request an absentee ballot. Register to vote and request an absentee ballot electronically, by mail or fax, using the Federal Post Card Application automated tool at <http://www.fvap.gov/request/request-ma.html>. The FPCA request deadline is before noon, Eastern Daylight Time, Monday. Note you will not receive a ballot automatically, even if you voted in the Nov. 6, 2012 general election.

The deadline for votes received by fax, email, or mail from within the U.S. is before 8 p.m. EDT, Tuesday. Voted ballot received by election authority for ballots returned by mail from “outside” the U.S. should be postmarked by June 25 and received before 5 p.m. EDT, July 5. For details, visit <http://www.FVAP.gov>, call 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584 (CONUS)/312-425-1584 (OCONUS), or email [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov). You can also contact your unit or installation voting assistance officers for assistance.

## Veterans Entrepreneurship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Veterans Entrepreneurship Program through midnight Oct. 1. The VEP is an intense, eight-day training program at Oklahoma State University, which will cover topical modules comprising the critical areas of success for new and early stage ventures. Final notification is made to all applicants by Oct. 25. Due to limited space, a signed commitment letter must be received within a week of acceptance. Applications are online at <http://entrepreneurship.okstate.edu/vep>. Contact Riata Center for Entrepreneurship at 405-744-7552, or at [vep@ok-state.edu](mailto:vep@ok-state.edu) with questions.

## Base theater showing ‘White House Down’

See “White House Down” (PG-13), starring Channing Tatum and Jamie Foxx, for free before it’s released in theaters Saturday at 7:15 p.m. Tickets will be distributed at 5 p.m. in the theater courtyard. Special security measures will be in place to prevent piracy. Patrons are admitted in order of priority. First priority goes to active duty members and their families assigned to duty aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Single active duty members are allowed one guest. Second priority goes Armed Forces members from other bases and stations on Oahu, retirees and their families. Third priority goes to Department of Defense civilians and authorized guests. For details, call 254-7638 or 254-7693.

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Base information	449-7110
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Sea Life Park trainer Kaycie Merrihew and Uilani the sea lion perform during the Kolohe Kai Sea Lion Show during the USO Hawaii’s “Twilight Tribute to the Troops” at Sea Life Park, Saturday.

## ‘Twilight Tribute to the Troops’ brings families together

### Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

**WAIMANALO** — The USO Hawaii held the “Twilight Tribute to the Troops” event at Sea Life Park, Saturday.

The park offered free admission to service members and their families and was closed to the public for the event giving the military families access to all the attractions in the park.

“We wanted to host a night out,” said Kristin Tierney, programs manager for USO Hawaii. “We wanted to provide our Hawaii-based families with an experience that they may not have been able to have otherwise.”

More than 4,500 service members and their families attended the event, Tierney explained.

“We were thrilled with the turnout for this event,” she said. “We knew people were excited, but we never expected 2,000 would show up within the first hour.”

The families were able to enjoy the park from 3 to 9 p.m. Free parking at Bellows Air Force Station was provided, with a shuttle taking families to and from the park. Throughout the night there were giveaways, free children’s activities, and a variety of aquatic animal shows. Several Marine Corps Base Hawaii organizations like Marine and Family Services set up resource tables.

“It was really exciting for the kids,” said Molly Skeel, an administrative support assistant with Marine and Family Services. “There were lots of activities and you could see they were enjoying themselves.”

The park set up a special schedule of shows and events to accommodate the military families.

“We were really excited to come to this event,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Abel Villarreal, an information systems technician from Joint Base Pearl



Children watch the sea lions at the Kolohe Kai Sea Lion Show during USO Hawaii’s “Twilight Tribute to the Troops” at Sea Life Park, Saturday.

## MALS-24 WELCOMES NEW COMMANDING OFFICER



Cpl. Sarah Dietz | Hawaii Marine

Lt. Col. James B. Cooksey receives the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 colors from Lt. Col. Edwin Rich, symbolizing the change of command for MALS-24, Thursday at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. Cooksey is transferring from Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md.



# AROUND THE CORPS

## Dragons ‘play with fire’ training with MAFTD

**Sgt. Jonathan Wright**  
*31st Marine Expeditionary Unit*

**FUTENMA, Japan** — The flames licked the air in front of his face, but he did not back down. Black maw shot at him as he did his best to beat them back, yet there seemed no end to the orange daggers. The giant before him engulfed in flames took on the visage of an iron dragon, but that didn’t stop him — he was a dragon too.

Marines with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, honed their aircraft firefighting skills using the Mobile Aircraft Firefighting Training Device at the base fire station, June 14.

VMM-265, known as the “Dragons,” is conducting final preparations for their scheduled deployment with the 31st MEU aboard the ships of Amphibious Squadron 11. Before that happens, however, all Marines working around the aircraft on ship, regardless of rank and occupational specialty, need to know how to combat an aircraft fire.

“You would think only firefighting Marines would be responsible for fire control, but the reality is we need everyone who works closely with aircraft to be emergency responders,” said Staff Sgt. Martin J. Arreola, section leader with Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan, and native of El Centro, Calif. “If an incident occurs, you can’t afford to wait for trained firefighters; those working next to the aircraft can don gear and hoses on the spot.”

The firefighter training starts with two days of classroom instruction on safeties and proven techniques. After the proverbial “death by PowerPoint,” the excitement begins when the Marines gear up to take on the MAFTD.

The device is a steel hull simulating any operational aircraft the Marines might find themselves working around, from an AV-8B Harrier jet to a C-130



Sgt. Jonathan Wright | 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

**Marines with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, operate fire hoses under the direction of instructors during training with the Mobile Aircraft Firefighting Training Device at the base fire station, June 14.**

Hercules plane. The device is fueled by propane from a nearby vehicle, a mobile control center that also powers the intensity of the flames.

“You can sit in the classroom all day long and think you’ve got it, but standing in front of a wall of fire puts things in perspective,” said Master Sgt. Padraig J. McGowan, maintenance chief for the Maintenance Control Division, VMM-265, 31st MEU, and native of Derry, Ireland. “When you get to be the guy who controls the hose, you realize it’s up to you to put out this mass of flame. You really need to get this hands-

on training to know what to do.”

Teams of six Marines started parallel to the front of the simulator, operating four hoses to extinguish the fires in the cockpit and save the pilots. From there, the teams split in two and flanked the aircraft, sweeping the sides of the hull rather than applying a direct stream to the fire prevent the spreading of one source. Throughout the 10-minute evolution, the Marines constantly rotated control of the hose, preventing the lead Marine from being exposed to the heat for too long.

Once the simulator was fully

extinguished, the teams slowly backed away from the aircraft to complete the training, watching for any additional flares.

“The Marines were very proficient in their extinguishing techniques today,” said Chief Petty Officer Jacob A. Hicks, chief aviation boatswain’s mate fuels with the Surface Warfare Officer’s School Command on-island to instruct firefighter training and native of Indianapolis. “With this course they’ll be able to competently control or extinguish an aircraft fire, every one of them.”

## New Zealand Army gains realistic training from Infantry Immersion Trainer

**Lance Cpl. James Gulliver**  
*1st Marine Division*

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** — As an explosion echoed throughout the town, shots rang out, and New Zealand Army soldiers serving with 2nd, 1st Battalion, ran for cover.

Receiving some of the most realistic training the Marine Corps has to offer, the New Zealander soldiers were given the chance to run through the Infantry Immersion Trainer here during Exercise Dawn Blitz 2013, June 13.

“Dawn Blitz been excellent for our soldiers to get a chance to experience this,” said Cpl. Daniel Woolford, a section leader serving with 2nd, 1st Battalion. “We have never been able to train at a facility such as this.”

During this portion of Dawn Blitz, the New Zealanders took advantage of the realism of the IIT to locate improvised explosive device components and capture role-players acting as enemy forces.

“The IIT is a realistic facility that we used to test our tactics under stress in a combat environment,” said Sgt. Sergio Jimenez, a squad leader serving with 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment.

Throughout the morning, the soldiers were tested in the indoor portion of the IIT. The indoor portion provided close-quarter combat training with one-story buildings. After completing the indoor portion,

the soldiers put their skills to the test again in the outdoor portion. The outdoor portion simulated patrolling through a city or village with the locals interacting more with the soldiers. The trainer is designed to test the New Zealanders both physically and mentally to prepare for bilateral operations in urban environments.

“This really gave our soldiers a test. It’s good to see how they will react in a stressful situation,” Woolford said.

The New Zealander’s practiced dealing with local civilians, treating casualties, and clearing buildings during the training.

“The trainer is really designed to imitate what they will encounter overseas, making them more prepared for future operations,” said Jimenez, a native of Fellsmere, Fla.

After each portion of the IIT, the New Zealand soldiers were taken into a classroom to watch recordings of their sections for an after-action evaluation. The instructors went through each situation the soldiers went through



Lance Cpl. James Gulliver | 1st Marine Division

**A New Zealand Army soldier provides security at the Infantry Immersion Trainer during Exercise Dawn Blitz 2013, June 13.**

and gave advice on improvements.

Woolford said the soldiers felt more confident after completing the trainer, making them more comfortable for what they might encounter in the future.

## Marine couple retires together after 20 years of service

**Lance Cpl. Devin Nichols**  
*2nd Marine Logistics Group*

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** — At a time when brightly colored scrunchies, wearing light up sneakers, and “Saved By the Bells” Zach Morris were considered cool, two young Americans enlisted in the Marine Corps. Rapper R. Kelly’s “I Believe I Can Fly” had just burst onto the music scene when the two Marines met, eventually married and became Gunnery Sgt. Ryan and Staff Sgt. Robin Clements.

A short 20 years later, long after the last person ever used a Discman or a pager, the Clementses retired from the Marine Corps together, in a joint ceremony, June 14. Each half of the couple served two decades honorably, retiring with decorated military backgrounds and a proven commitment to their country, and to each other.

“It’s an accomplishment and a relief that we both made it,” said Robin, a Maypearl, Texas, native. “We finished together and walked the road hand-



Lance Cpl. Devin Nichols | 2nd Marine Logistics Group

**Staff Sgt. Robin R. Clements receives a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal at her retirement ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 14.**

in-hand. We couldn’t do it without one another. We are a team and we couldn’t do it without our kids, they make the team.”

“It was insane playing ‘Mr. Mom’ while she was gone on a deployment,” said Ryan, a Richland Center, Wis., native. “The kids help you get through it. Everybody thinks that Marines have the easiest job overseas, but the toughest job is being home running the house.”

In one 60-month span during their careers in the Marine Corps, Ryan and Robin only saw each other 14 months.

“We had our ups and our downs,” Robin said. “There were times I wanted to hang it up when it almost became too much with the back and forth deployments. (Ryan) would tell me we can do this and he had my back.”

Ryan and Robin both served as motor transportation chiefs with various units, including 2nd Marine Logistics Group, where they both resided until the final day of their enlistments.

“Together we make one great team,” Robin said. “With both of us being (motor transport) chiefs, we are like the dynamic duo. There is nothing we can’t handle.”

For the couple, all of the memories shared together and the friends made

throughout their careers came down to this very moment.

Marines and sailors on a bright sunny day put on their nicely pressed service uniforms to pay their respects to the Clementses.

“It’s been my pleasure to know (the Clementses) for the past 20 years,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lawrence Jeffrey, the ceremony’s presiding officer and longtime friend of the Clementses. “It’s a sad moment in my life. They are people I can call up at anytime if I had a question, needed help or a friend. They are the people you can rely on.”

Ryan and Robin received an honorable retirement ceremony, well earned after a long, dedicated time in service.

“Twenty years feels like it started yesterday,” Robin said. “The Marine Corps has always been great to me. I don’t regret anything. The greatest days of my life are when my children were born, when I met the man of my dreams and this day right here. With my husband’s unwavering support, we stand here today.”



# MAG-24

## conducts max launch

**Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke**

*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 24 operated a total of 12 mission capable helicopters at once during a "max launch" from Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, June 13.

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, from MAG-24, prepared four UH-1Y Hueys, four AH-1W Super Cobras and four CH-53E Super Stallions for liftoff.

The MAG-24 Marines prepared weeks in advance before any aircraft could depart at noon for the max launch. The morning of the max launch, they topped off the fuel and conducted the usual safety checks before flying.

"The max launch is a great representation of what the squadrons within MAG-24 have to offer," said Capt. Robert Dugan, 33, the strike flight lead for the max launch from HMLA-367 and a native of Middleburgh, N.Y. "It's why everyone in MAG-24 works as hard as they do."

The 12 helicopters took flight at noon from runway 04 and headed out over the ocean. The helicopters flew over Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Nuupia Ponds and along the coast of the Windward side of Oahu and over to the Hawaiian island of Lanai.

During the flight, the pilots practiced flying in formation. Many of the pilots have never flown with such a large number of aircraft.

"This was one of the biggest formations of aircraft I have flown with in a long time," Dugan said. "It's reminiscent of an operation we would experience in any battle space."

Upon arrival to the island of Lanai, the helicopters flew around the island and performed training exercise operations with each type of helicopter while working together as a unit on a large scale.

"The max launch is a rare opportunity that every Marine involved has really taken advantage of," said Capt. Joshua Gordon, the human affairs officer for HMLA-367. "We are putting a majority of MAG-24's airpower up into the air at once to give everyone a chance to train how we fight."

The mission took nearly two hours, and when the exercise was complete the formation headed back to the flight line.

"We are always pushing ourselves to be more proficient and perfect our aircrew readiness as much as possible," said Capt. Gregory Watten, 28, the air mission commander for the max launch and native of Pasadena, Calif. "Overall it's a great chance for us to see what we are good at and where we can improve."



Capt. Harrison Bradford, a UH-1Y Huey helicopter pilot with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 and 29-year-old native of Milwaukee, prepares the helicopter for a maintenance and readiness flight, June 13.

Newport, R.I., native 1st Lt. Jonathon Will (right), a UH-1Y Huey helicopter pilot with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 and other HMLA-367 aircrew Marines conduct a pre-flight inspection on a Huey before a maintenance and readiness flight, June 13. The training was designed to challenge aircraft maintenance crews to maintain the highest possible levels of readiness. A series of 12 helicopters from HMLA-367 and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 participated in the training, including AH-1W Super Cobras, UH-1Y Hueys and CH-53E Super Stallions.



Aircrew Marines with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 conduct a pre-flight inspection on a UH-1Y Huey helicopter before a maintenance and readiness flight, June 13.



Aircrew Marines with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 conduct pre-flight inspections on CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters before maintenance and readiness flights, June 13.

Photos by Sgt. Reece Lodder | Hawaii Marine



# ‘The Ghost’ returns to MCAS

**Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

“The Ghost” landed on the runway at 4:15 p.m., June 13 at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. The C-20 jet safely arrived after returning from an 11-month trip to St. Louis for maintenance.

After arriving in St. Louis, the jet underwent hull repairs and an avionics update.

“The Ghost” received its name after being torn apart during a tornado and resurrected by a work crew. “The Ghost” is the only C-20 jet the Marine Corps currently owns.

“This C-20 jet is the staple of MCAS,” said Sgt. Maj. Ernest Rose, sergeant major of MCAS. “The jet’s main mission is to transport senior enlisted and officers to their appointed place of duty.”

“The Ghost” is capable of flying worldwide and logs approximately 1,500 hours of flight time per year. A six-man crew maintains the jet and ensures the jet is ready to take off for flight.

“We’re responsible for checking the jet balance, loading and unloading cargo and taking care of the passengers,” said Sgt. Mary Schloss, a loadmaster with MCAS. “‘The Ghost’ is scheduled to make three flights a day since its return, and we’re



Photos by Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg | Hawaii Marine

**Marines and their families step off a private jet airliner named “The Ghost” after boarding the aircraft and viewing its interior at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, June 13. The jet and its crew returned to MCAS and received a homecoming party after the jet flew to St. Louis for 11 months of maintenance. “The Ghost,” named so after being torn apart in a tornado and miraculously restored by a maintenance crew, received updated avionics and hull repairs during its stay in St. Louis.**

the ones whose jobs are to make those trips run as smoothly as possible.”

The jet isn’t just a private airliner, but it will also participate in different missions as well. The jet will be used to provide extra flight time for pilots and simulate different scenarios that could occur in reality.

“It’s great to have “The Ghost” back, and we’ll start training with it again soon,”

said Sgt. John Cook, a crew chief with MCAS. “The maintenance crew will also practice loading procedures to help speed up the jet’s takeoff process.”

Even more, the “The Ghost” provides space available travel for military members. Space-A travel is a means of transportation for Department of Defense personnel and military members, which is operated by a military transport

agency of the DoD.

“It’s just another great thing about this jet,” Schloss said. “If we’re flying somewhere and there’s seating available on the aircraft, then military members are able to occupy those extra spaces.”

After landing on the runway at MCAS, the unit celebrated the aircraft’s homecoming with food and beverages. Families of the crew flying “The Ghost”

from St. Louis, attended the celebration to welcome home their loved ones.

“Being a part of this unit and being able to fly aboard ‘The Ghost’ on a daily basis is one of the greatest opportunities the Marine Corps has to offer,” Cook said. “The bottom line is we are happy to have ‘The Ghost’ back at MCAS, and we’re ready to get it back in the skies.”



**A private jet airliner named “The Ghost” drives through a “welcome home” water shower supplied by a pair of Aircraft, Rescue and Firefighting vehicles during its homecoming flight at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, June 13.**



# MarForPac Band performs at Mololani Park



Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

The daughter of a service member makes her debut on stage with the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band’s Party Band at Mololani Park, June 14.

**Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke**

*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band played on stage during the first ever summer concert series at Mololani Park, June 14.

The cool evening breeze rolled off the ocean over the Marine Corps Base Hawaii community in Mololani Park while the MarForPac Band presented their music to families who live in the base housing. Residents brought chairs and blankets for their family to sit and relax on during the concert. Children were free to run around the park and dance to the music in front of the stage.

The band played several genres of music, all family and patriotic oriented. After playing “America the Beautiful” and “Amazing Grace,” a few of the band members referred to as the MarForPac Party Band played on a smaller stage closer to the ground.

They played popular hit songs, including “Gangnam Style.” Children went on stage to dance with the band.

“I love it,” said a daughter of 1st Lt. David Stout, the intelligence officer for Marine Aircraft Group 24 and native of La Crescenta, Calif. “It is a lot of fun for everyone. My favorite was ‘The Little Mermaid’ song.”

The band also had a competition with the families. The musicians played 10 Disney classics, which the families wrote down and turned in for a chance to win movie tickets at the base theater.

“The band put on a great performance and really had something for the whole family to enjoy,” Stout said. “I have seen the MarForPac Band before, but not the Party Band. They were classy and sounded good.”

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael J. Smith, principal director for the MarForPac Band, walked on stage to announce the winners of the competition, but instead of announcing first, second and third place, he said, “Everyone is a winner, I have 10 tickets and the first

10 people up here will receive the tickets.”

Children raced up to the front of the stage for their chance at a free movie ticket. A crowd of children gathered around Smith with their hands in the air hoping they would come down with a ticket. After they got a ticket several of them jumped up with their hands in the air and a smile.

The tone of the concert changed when the band began to play “The Marines’ Hymn.” The crowd stood at attention to show respect for the Marine Corps.

The band finished the hymn and waited for evening colors to sound off. After colors played families folded up their blankets, packed up chairs, put children in strollers and head home for the evening.

“We have never done a show like this on base before,” said Cpl. Alex Dutton, 20, a percussionist with the MarForPac Band and a native of Philadelphia. “It was awesome to see everyone enjoying our music. Hopefully we can do another concert like this again.”



HUDSON, from A-1

commandant of the Marine Corps, said Hudson will uphold the standards of excellence set by Talleri, and he will continue to succeed just as he has done at his previous assignments.

“Hudson has my complete trust and confidence,” wrote Amos. “His leadership as the commanding general of Marine Corps Logistics Command was crucial in our efforts to support our Marines forward deployed, as well as reset and reconstitute the force after more than a decade of combat operations.”

The change of command signified Talleri’s retirement from the Marine Corps following 34 years of service. Talleri spoke to the attendees of the ceremony saying that he looks forward to the future and knows MCIPAC, MCB Camp Butler and the rest of the Marine Corps are in good hands.

“This change of command is about handing the torch over to another leader,” said Talleri. “We have a great leader in Maj. Gen. Hudson. He is excited to be here. He is a warrior. He and his wife are going to take it to the next level.”

Talleri looks forward to spending time with his family in Florida and the two grandchildren their family is expecting.

“I’m excited about tomorrow because the Marine Corps will only get better as a result of the great talent we have in it today,” said Talleri. “I am confident that the U.S. Marine Corps will continue to do even greater things as a result of the Marines and the families that support them. It’s been a great ride, my family has a lot to look forward to, and I wouldn’t change a thing. I’m very proud to have served.”



Sgt. Sarah Fiocco | Marine Rotational Force Darwin

**Marines with weapons platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force Darwin, patrol to a trench in Mount Bunday Training Area, Northern Territory, Australia, June 13. MRF-D Marines and their Australian counterparts trained together in the field for two weeks.**

BUNDEY, from A-1

enemy element the first couple of nights. We then progressed all the way up to a 25-man enemy element.”

Throughout their time at the training area, both units combined their abilities in completing urban operation exercises. However, the physical aspects of the missions were not the hardest part for the Marines and Australian soldiers.

“The most difficult part is keeping the Marines’ mental focus to stay in it the whole way through and making

them understand that it’s a full exercise and we’re staying tactical the whole time,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel Hubbert, weapons platoon sergeant, Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, MRF-D. “They have to keep their heads in the fight at all times.”

is I would have rather had my M14. It’s much heavier. ... If I hit him with that ... his head would have been crushed.”

Hill bounded to an enemy trench line and single-handedly killed three North Vietnamese Army soldiers. Hill then ordered his fire team to provide suppressive fires as he maneuvered to locate an NVA sniper. Once the sniper was exposed, Hill and his team killed the sniper.

When the battle cooled down, he and the other Marine began to care for the wounded.

Hill’s actions consequently saved the lives of eight Marines.

Hill, his Marines, and a corpsman have been there for each other ever since. His friend and former Marine Sgt. Tommy Wheeler said the ceremony was no different.

“This is what we do for each other,” said Wheeler, who was also awarded a Silver Star

Even though both forces had minimal practice working together, teamwork and cohesion came naturally.

“We’re effectively co-located and taking all the opportunities that we can to maximize training with each other by trying different techniques, tactics, procedures,” said Lt. Col. Richard Barrett, commanding officer, 5RAR. “It also helps maximize those culture exchanges.”

Most of the service members found those exchanges began by trying each other’s rations.

“You hear guys shouting things like ‘chocolate dairy shake?’” said Kopa. “Every time they saw something in the meals for the first time, they would shout it out loud.”

However, the Marines and Aussies found they had a lot in common, such as their values.

“There’s a lot of similarities between us,” said Hubbert. “Our senses of humor are the same, the camaraderie, pride and professionalism.”

This is not the last time MRF-D Marines and 5RAR soldiers will find themselves in the field together this rotation. The next large bilateral training evolution is scheduled near the end of the deployment at Bradshaw Field Training Area.

for actions in Vietnam that day. “Plus the three of us were together. This isn’t our first merry-go-round.”

Judy, Hill’s wife of 45 years, can see noticeable change in her husband’s behavior after the award. Since he returned from Vietnam, Hill has suffered from the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder caused by the intense fighting in the jungles of Vietnam.

For Hill, the Silver Star ceremony signified the end of a chapter in his life. Twenty-seven were killed and 54 were wounded. He said now he is sure his fallen comrades can rest in peace.

“It’s one of the happiest days I’ve had since before the Marine Corps because it puts to bed 881,” Hill said. “I’ve had a lot of problems since the day. I’m just thrilled that I can have somebody like Gen. Krulak to present the award.”

SILVER, from A-1

Between Hill and his other Marines, they had three rifles; however, none of the rifles were fully-operational at once. The weapons kept jamming.

So Hill and the troops had to set up an assembly line to fix and shoot the rifles. Hill said, when the rifle reached him from the other repair stations he would be ready to shoot the weapon.

However, the NVA fighters were close. Hill took matters into his own hands when there was no time to go through that process. He then used his M16 rifle as a weapon of opportunity.

“I hit one in the head with an M16 ... like I was swinging a golf club at his head,” Hill said. “It knocked him kind of woozy. The only thing about that battle



# Sports & Health



Photos by Lance Cpl. Suzanna Lapi | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 pitcher Robert McCaleb prepares to swing during an intramural softball game against the Headquarters Battalion team at Annex Field, June 13.

## HMH-463 flies high against HQBN, 18-6

**Lance Cpl. Suzanna Lapi**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463's intramural softball team, Pegasus, called in an air strike against Headquarters Battalion's team, Mo' Money Mo' Problems, defeating them 18-6 at Annex Field, June 13.

The HMH-463 team dominated from the beginning of the game, taking advantage of Headquarters Bn.'s lack of what seemed like a good offensive strategy. Pegasus also deployed a strong defense and offense.

Early in the game, Pegasus kicked off the first inning loading the bases. The Headquarters Bn. pitcher walked numerous Pegasus players. By the end of the first inning, HMH-463 was ahead, 7-2.

Pegasus' first hit of the second inning rocketed far right, resulting in a two runs. The next Pegasus player at bat hit a pop fly to left field, which was caught by Headquarters Bn., but the squadron was still able to score a run.

Michael Belmonte, shortstop for Headquarters Bn., said his team knew the score, but needed better follow through during play.

"We definitely made some good plays tonight," Belmonte said. "We called the ball for catches more than we usually do, but we threw it away a lot as well. We threw the ball over heads instead of connecting."

By the top of the third inning, HMH-463 held its lead, 13-3.

Pegasus continued filling the bases, and scored two more runs, making it 15-3.

In the middle of the third inning, while HMH-463 was on the field, their outfielder made an epic catch after what seemed like a solid hit for Headquarters Bn. This sealed the deal for Headquarter Bn.'s next batter's strike out, and all too soon HMH-463 was back at bat.

Pegasus scored their next three runs due to Headquarters Bn. dropping the ball. At the bottom of the fourth inning, the score was 18-3.

Looking back, Belmonte said he felt like he wasn't hitting great.

"I felt sluggish out there," Belmonte said. "I will be working on batting, and hopefully we will come out strong for our next game."

Mo' Money Mo' Problems scored their last three runs at the very end of the game, when their offensive effort heated up but not hot enough. It was too little, too late. The game was called early, with a final score of 18-6.

Anthony Kusmierski, left center for HMH-463, said his team did well, considering their limited practices due to a busy flight schedule.

"It's hard to get guys because of our busy lives, but we came together as a team," Kusmierski said. "We threw the ball well and put out a good team effort. Personally, I would like to improve on batting and get ground balls instead of popping the ball up, but overall we did great. Our defense was way on."



Pegasus left center Anthony Kusmierski hits the ball during an intramural softball game against Headquarters Battalion team at Annex Field, June 13.



Pegasus outfielder Jessie Longan sprints to first base during an intramural softball game against Headquarters Battalion at Annex Field, June 13. Pegasus defeated Headquarters Bn. with a final score of 18-6.





**KNAPKE**



**BRAGG**

Versus is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by emailing their ideas to [HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com](mailto:HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com). If there’s a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your “opinion,” regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies ... it’s game time.

## 2013 NHL Stanley Cup Champions: Bruins or Blackhawks?

**Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke VS. Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg**

**BRAGG:** The matches are set for the National Hockey League’s Stanley Cup Finals, and it all comes down to a best-of-seven series between the Boston Bruins and Chicago Blackhawks. Both clubs are from the original six teams when the NHL was founded, and are both previous Stanley Cup champions. Boston won their most recent Stanley Cup in 2011 when they beat the Vancouver Canucks four games to three. In last year’s playoffs, the Bruins made an early exit after being eliminated during the first round in seven games. This year, however, the Bruins look like a solid contender to win the Cup against the Blackhawks.

**KNAPKE:** Both teams have shown they can be dominant but there are also series’ when they were nearly eliminated. Although the Bruins swept the Pittsburgh Penguins in four games to win the Eastern Conference finals, the Blackhawks have a better defense to combine to their offense. The Blackhawks beat the Red Wings after being down in the series. The Blackhawks are resilient and come back even if the are down. They won the Presidents’ Trophy this past year to show they have all the weapons to be a top team and have carried that mentality all the way to the Stanley Cup Finals.

**BRAGG:** While I commend the Blackhawks for winning the Presidents’ Trophy this season, it doesn’t mean they are guaranteed to win the finals. Last year the Vancouver Canucks won the President’s Trophy and were eliminated by the Los Angeles Kings in the Western Conference Quarterfinals, who also went on to win the Stanley Cup. Back

to the Bruins, defense isn’t a problem for them and neither is their goaltender. While the Blackhawks may have faced a rough time against the Red Wings, barely escaping elimination, the Bruins never let themselves trail 3-1 in a series. Combined with their physical playing style and stonewall defense, the Bruins are a favorable team that is showing they deserve to win the Stanley Cup. If they keep playing the way they have been, they will become the 2013 Stanley Cup champions.

**KNAPKE:** Guess what, the Blackhawks didn’t get eliminated in the quarterfinals like the Canucks did. I don’t know if you noticed but the Blackhawks made it all the way to the Stanley Cup finals. The only reason you don’t like the Blackhawks is because they beat your mediocre, beloved Red Wings. It was a good series, but maybe you should open your eyes to the fact the Blackhawks are the real deal. Forget the Red Wings, the Blackhawks almost swept the Kings who where last year’s Stanley Cup champions. The Kings were actually better this year than last year. The Blackhawks beat the Kings and are doing so well in the playoffs because they were second-highest scoring team during the regular season, and one of the best puck possession teams in the NHL. It doesn’t matter what kind of defense you have if you have some of the best forwards in the game like Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane. The Bruins will have their hands full.

**BRAGG:** The fact that my favorite hockey team was eliminated from the playoffs this year doesn’t matter anymore. You can’t

win every year, right? Besides, it doesn’t matter if you have star players like Toews or Kane. Everyone knows they’re star players for the Blackhawks, but their abilities are blocked by the Bruins’ defense and goaltender, Tuukka Rask. In 19 games, he is 14-5 with three shutouts, including the 2-0 win against the Blackhawks, Monday. Sounds like the Blackhawks have met an immovable force in the Stanley Cup Finals. Not to mention, the Bruins also have a higher scoring percentage in the playoffs with a 3.00 goals per game compared to the Blackhawks’ 2.64. Finally, the Bruins have played one game less than the Blackhawks in the playoffs overall. Believe it or not, it gives them an advantage in this series as it means the Blackhawks have put their legs through the works 60 whole minutes longer than the Bruins.

**KNAPKE:** To say playing one more game is going to affect a professional hockey team is dumb. Players played 48 games in one season and they usually play a lot more. I’m not denying that the Bruins’ goaltender is one of the best in the league but once Toews or Kane set their sight on him, it’s game over. The Bruins’ offense won’t be able to keep up with the Blackhawks. They also have Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp who may be the best players in this post season. The whole combination of offensive threats on the Blackhawks side is a menacing viewpoint for the Bruins goaltender. The Bruins are going to have to play some of the best hockey they have ever played to win. It’s nothing more than a long shot for the Bruins.

### SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Sign up for Runway Run

The Commanding Officer’s Fitness Series Runway Run is scheduled for July 4 at 6:30 a.m. Register for the run at Semper Fit Center. For more information, call 254-7590.

#### Volunteers needed for 2013 Tinman Triathlon

Volunteers are needed for various tasks before, during and after the 2013 Tinman Triathlon, July 28.

There are various volunteer opportunities during the triathlon, including run course marshals. High school and college volunteers are needed for four hours at the bike/run transition corral, starting at 5:30 a.m., July 28. Volunteers are sought for manual labor, setting up July 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and breaking down July 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Approximately 10 to 15 equipment crew volunteers are needed July 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to break down the bike corral, and transport all equipment after the race. T-shirts, vests and arrows will be distributed and must be returned to a coordinator at the bike corral. Provide names, T-shirt sizes and parking passes by July 18. For details, call Joan Davis at 535-9070 or email [jrd-va4vp@hotmail.com](mailto:jrd-va4vp@hotmail.com).

#### Health promotion classes offered for 101 Days of Summer

During the 101 Days of Summer program there will be health promotion classes offered. The amount of points awarded to the unit will be based on percentage of unit that takes classes. Contact the Health Promotion Office

to schedule unit training. Classes available include tobacco prevention, injury prevention, nutrition, chronic disease prevention, physical fitness, alcohol and substance abuse, STD/HIV Transmission and Prevention. For more information about Unit training, call 254-7636.

#### Semper Fit Center offers Kid Fit program

The Semper Fit Center is hosting its Kid Fit program at the Semper Fit Center gym. Kid Fit is an opportunity for children to learn all aspects of physical well-being.

The program includes a combination of warming up, stretching, cardio respiratory fitness, strength and conditioning and cooling down. Children ages 6 to 12 years old are eligible for Kid Fit. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. For more information about the next Kid Fit session, call Semper Fit at 254-7597.

#### Tradewind Triathlon scheduled in August

The Tradewind Triathlon is scheduled for Aug. 11 at 6:30 a.m. Register for the run at Semper Fit Center. For more information about the race, contact the varsity sports coordinator at 254-7590.

#### High Intensity Tactical Training Center open during new hours

The High Intensity Tactical Training Center is now open Monday through Friday from 6 to 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The HITT center is closed on Saturday and Sunday. The facility will remain available outside of the posted hours through the Semper Fit Center for scheduled unit physical training sessions. For details, call 254-7597.

#### Join the First Tee of Hawaii

The First Tee of Hawaii is offering its junior golf program free of charge to children of active duty, reservist and National Guard service members. The program is open to children ages 7 to 18 at the Bay View Golf Range Driving range on Kaneohe Bay Drive, Sundays at 11 a.m. The program teaches valuable life skills, and participants learn how to play golf. To register, show up to practice Sundays at 11 a.m. For details, go to <http://www.thefirstteehawaii.org> or call 478-3466.

#### Camp H.M. Smith conducting fitness survey

Camp H.M. Smith will be opening a new Semper Fit Center this fall and we want to hear what type of fitness classes you would like us to offer. Click here <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CampSmithFitness>.

#### 101 Days of Summer Health, Wellness and Fitness Fair

The last 101 Days of Summer Health, Wellness and Fitness fair is scheduled for Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mokapu Mall. There will be demos, displays, and classes. Units can earn up to 200 points — 10 points per person; maximum 20 people. For more information, call 254-7636.

#### 101 Days of Summer Field Meet

The 101 Days of Summer Field Meet is scheduled for Aug. 16 at Riseley Field. The entry deadline is Aug. 14. Events will include volleyball, horseshoes, tire flip, 100-yard dash, tug-o-war, big trike race and joust. Points awarded to units will vary based on events entered. For more information, call 254-7636.

#### Tee off at Shank and Slice Golf Tournament

The Shank and Slice Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 23 at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. Participants may start checking in at 11:30 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

Units can earn up to 150 points — 10 points per person; maximum 15 people, toward the 101 Days of Summer program. Participants must register by Aug. 15. For more information about event, contact Karley Peterson at 254-7593.

#### 101 Days of Summer Nuupia Ponds 5K Fun Run/Walk

The 101 Days of Summer Nuupia Ponds 5K Fun Run/Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 7 a.m. Register for the run at the Semper Fit Center. For more information, call 254-7590.

#### 101 Days of Summer volunteers needed

The Health Promotion Office needs volunteers for the 101 Days of Summer events. To volunteer, call Karley Peterson at 254-7593 or Neil Morgan at the Health Promotion Office, 254-7636.





Several Hooligans players practice at Landing Zone 216 near 4th Street. They include players who were previously college soccer players and club team members.

# Hooligans invade soccer field

Story and photos by  
**Christine Cabalo**

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

“Hooligans” are gang-ing up to take command of this season’s intramural soccer season.

The team of 3rd Marine Regiment footballers made their debut earlier this month after playing in several pre-season games. The players said their aim is to have fun while testing their skills on the field.

“We have a wide range of talent,” said Michael Garcia, the team’s coordinator and a native of Yulee, Fla. “Some team members have been playing their whole life. For others, it’s their first year.”

With a large group of players, Garcia said it made sense to name the team after strong-armed soccer fans like those depicted in the 2005 film “Green Street Hooligans.” The team may not get as violent as other soccer devotees, but several players said their team unity is just as solid.

Nick Lanza, a Hooligans goalie, said the transition from being strangers to teammates has brought out a united fighting spirit in his team.

“Playing soccer is a release for us,” Lanza said. “This is completely voluntary, and none of us want to bring anyone on the team down.”

Although Garcia schedules team meetings and practices, he and the rest of the Hooligans said the team doesn’t have a specific coach. Any team member can voice their opinion on plays, whether they are beginners to the game or were previously college soccer athletes and club team members.

“Before practice is over we’ll just reflect and dis-

cuss what happened,” said Rafael Rodriguez, a Hooligans forward. “It’s not just about improving coordination, but talking about how someone might have seen something from a different angle.”

In their downtime, Garcia said the Hooligans strive to master key soccer maneuvers. During their practice drills, the group meets for several hours each week to practice basic triangle passing and ball control.

“We’re trying to keep it simple,” said Erick Sanchez Limon, a Hooligans midfielder. “Especially for the people who’ve never played, we try to encourage them to learn more passes and know when to kick the ball across the field.”

Several Hooligans said as a new team their main challenges are moving together as a fluid group and ensuring players call out the ever-changing conditions for a game. In his experience, Rodriguez said good soccer teams need good communication. Otherwise, they’re left at the bad end of the field.

Garcia said he’s noticed a dramatic difference in skills from the group’s first day of practice to the group’s performance in the intramural league.

“I see us now, and I think we’re different players,” Garcia said. “We work so hard on the basics, teaching the fundamentals like any other sport.”

What hasn’t changed for many of the Hooligans since officially forming the team is their love of soccer. For the more than 20 players on the Hooligan’s roster, several have stories of their die-hard desire to play the game. For Garcia, the moment came as a senior in high school



**ABOVE:** Michael Garcia, the team coordinator and a sweeper for the Hooligans, attempts to steal the ball from a teammate during a recent practice session. Garcia said the team was named after the enthusiastic strong-armed soccer fans featured in the 2005 film “Green Street Hooligans.”

**LEFT:** More than 20 members of 3rd Marine Regiment’s soccer team, the “Hooligans,” stand together in their new uniforms earlier this month. This season is the Hooligans’ first intramural soccer season playing together.

when he continued playing in the last match of his final season with a rolled ankle.

Garcia said the mix of competing against his personal limits makes him eager to play hard in soccer whenever the opportunity comes up.

“In any other sport there’s downtime, with timeouts,” Garcia said.

“Basketball has a rest at the end of a period, but with soccer there’s the 30-minute half and it’s all out the whole time. There’s no time out, you need to give everything you got.”

Garcia and his teammates, like any of soccer’s many Hooligans, do whatever it takes to come out on top.

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***— Michael Garcia,  
Hooligans team coordinator***







## ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER



### The importance of landscaping

There are endless benefits that landscaping can produce. Ordinary homes can transform into remarkable ones, office buildings and cosmopolitan areas can become more inviting and pleasing to the eyes. Mature trees can increase property value up to 20 percent and “trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent” according to the

USDA Forest Service. Many other studies have shown that people who live and work around areas with green space are happier and less stressed out. Native plants have priority over non-natives, per Base Order, there is a list of approved plants allowed to be planted here on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. If you desire to plant a tree on base, a categorical exclusion, a dig permit, or in some cases both, will be required. It is also important to take into consideration the amount of maintenance that will be required for the plants once they are put in the ground. Always avoid poor landscaping practices, such

as topping a tree, planting trees near light poles and other areas where the landscaped plants could make using the space inconvenient. Topping a tree is the indiscriminate cutting of tree branches down to stubs which removes 50 to 100 percent of the leaves, therefore, starving the tree. Trees that have been topped become hazardous due to unstable limbs and decay which also makes trees visually unpleasing. Contact the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department to view the list of approved plants and to speak to a certified arborist about beneficial landscaping practices before planting a tree or a plant.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Spend the summer at Blue Star Museums with free admission

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Blue Star Musuems offers free admission to more than 1,800 museums. The offer is extended to active duty military, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, and Reservists with up to five family members. Text BLUE to 411247 to join Blue Star Families and receive SMS broadcasts about special events, news, sweepstakes and stories written by and about military families. Go to <http://www.arts.gov> for more information.

### See free hula performances in Kailua

The “I Love Hula” series showcases a different hula group performing each month. Most shows occur on the second Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. along Kailua Road near Macy’s store. The next shows are July 14 and Aug. 11. For more information, see <http://kailuatown.net/kailuahula.php>.

### Join Vacation Bible School

The Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel is hosting Vacation Bible School. Kids will learn and experience Bible stories and adventures, sing songs, play team-building games, enjoy snacks, and engage their imaginations with fun science gizmos and experiments. Vacation Bible School will be held at the chapel, June 24 through 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. The chapel is accepting registrations for children from 4 years old to those who have completed sixth grade. Visit the chapel to pick up a registration form. For more information, call 257-3522.

### Join Drug Education for Youth program

The Drug Education for Youth program is actively registering children ages 9 to 12. The DEFY program provides children with access and examples of tools and techniques to resist drugs such as developing leadership skills, instilling positive social skills through participation in team-building, conflict resolution, and decision-making activities. Food, drinks, transportation and supplies will be provided. DEFY is seeking volunteer mentors (must meet eligibility requirements). Eligible mentors must be military dependents or a military

member and must be able to make a one-year commitment to the program. For more information, contact Molly Pope at 257-8312.

### Art gallery hosts local landscape paintings

Andrew Rose Gallery will host “Contemporary Hawaiian Landscape Painting,” an exhibition which runs through June 28. The exhibit features gallery artists including Noreen Naughton and Mark Kadota. The exhibit to follow, “On Paper II,” is scheduled from July 15 to Sept. 27, with a reception on July 18. The exhibit presents paintings, drawings and prints on paper by gallery and invited artists. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. Parking is left at Alakea Street before Hotel Street. For more information, contact the gallery at [press@andrewrosegallery.com](mailto:press@andrewrosegallery.com) or 599-4400.

### Sample a taste of Korea at the 12th Annual Korean Festival

Experience one of the largest cultural festivals of the year in Hawaii, the 12th Annual Korean Festival, July 12 to 13 at Kapiolani Park and Bandstand. On July 12, there is a free showing of the movie “Forever The Moment,” the true story of the Korea women’s handball team which competed in the 2004 Summer Olympics. Food booths open at 4 p.m., and the movie will begin at 7 p.m. The Korean Festival presents a unique, authentic taste of Korean culture through food, dance, art, music, and entertainment. The program of festival events includes performances such as taekwondo (Korean martial arts) demonstrations, and Korean fan and drum dances. There will also be interactive activities, such as Korean cooking lessons and a kim chi eating contest. Music and acting star Kim Tae Woo will be headlining a free concert at the park on Saturday at 7 p.m. Free parking is available around Kapiolani Park and at Kapiolani Community College. A free shuttle will be available for those parking at KCC. For more information, visit <http://www.koreanfestivalhi.com>.

### Take time for Talk Story Camp

Come to the 3rd annual Talk Story Camp, July 19 to 21, for three days and two nights of stories at Camp Paumalu on the North Shore of Oahu. There will be lo-

cal storytellers and mainland guests, food, hikes, workshops and more. For details email [jeffgere@lava.net](mailto:jeffgere@lava.net) or call 737-1774.

### Register for AFCEA luncheon

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9; 11 a.m. check-in; 11:30 a.m. buffet at the Hale Ikena Club aboard Fort Shafter. The guest speaker for this luncheon will be Brig. Gen. Richard Simcock, deputy commanding general of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. There is a fee for AFCEA and non-AFCEA members. For more information, visit <http://www.afceahawaii.org> or contact: Barry Fong, [barry.fong@twtelecom.com](mailto:barry.fong@twtelecom.com) or 441-8565. The point of contact for registration is Ken Wiecking at [ken.wiecking@twtelecom.com](mailto:ken.wiecking@twtelecom.com) or call him at 441-8524.

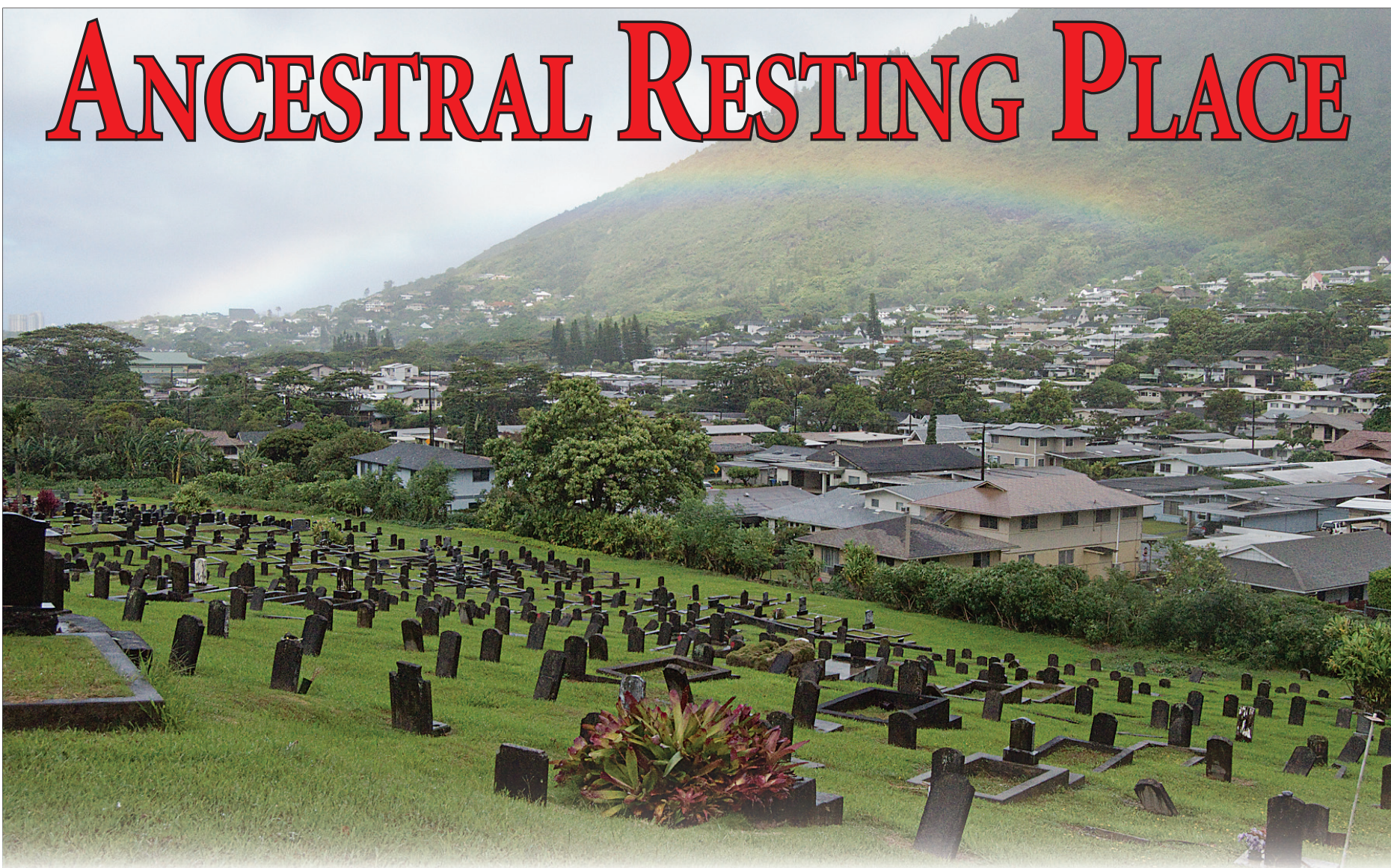
### Cowboys and cowgirls take charge in rodeo

The Hawaii Women’s Rodeo Association is sponsoring a jackpot rodeo Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kualoa Ranch. Admission and parking free for spectators. Events include barrel racing, pole-bending and more. For more information, call 216-7555.



# Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

## ANCESTRAL RESTING PLACE



Manoa Chinese Cemetery was established in 1851 along with the the Lin Yee Chung Association. Many immigrants from China who came to work in Hawaii were buried in this cemetery. Many of the remains were eventually transported for re-burial in China, but not everyone could afford it.

### Story and photos by Kristen Wong

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

**HONOLULU** — Take a straight drive down East Manoa Road, past the shopping center, into a residential area. At the end of this long road is a large red and white gate, surrounded by greenery. Fierce lions stand at the front of the property, guarding the dead within. This is Manoa Chinese Cemetery.

The largest Chinese cemetery in the state, Manoa Chinese Cemetery was established in 1852 by the Lin Yee Chung Association. One of its founders, Lum Ching, was an expert in feng shui and geomancy. He went to Manoa Valley with a friend, and using geomancy tools, deemed a certain spot as worthy of establishing the cemetery.

The cemetery purposely follows the rules of feng shui, a Chinese method of design and building to promote a positive atmosphere. Adhering to feng shui tradition, the cemetery is cradled by mountains, with a view of Waikiki Beach (a body of water) and a hillside. By adhering to these standards, the living can appease their ancestors, according to the National Register of Historic Places from the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior.

High up in the cemetery is a large white arch, and a large black monument referred to as the Grand Ancestor's tomb. Ching, who is also called "Tai Ju," or "Grand Ancestor," is buried there. Curious visitors can read about the history of the cemetery, etched in stone on the monument.

"We are at an extraordinary spot,"

are Ching's words on the monument. "It is the pulse of the watchful dragon of the valley. People from all directions will come from across the seas and gather here to pay homage. Birds, too, will come to sing and roost. It is a haven suitable for the living as well as the dead. The Chinese must buy this area and keep it as sacred ground."

Many early Chinese immigrants who came to work in Hawaii are also buried in the cemetery. According to Marilyn Yalom, author of "The American Resting Place," the cemetery was not intended to be a permanent resting place but rather a place for Chinese immigrants to be buried until it was possible to pay for the remains to be taken back to China. Many bones were exhumed and stored in "bone houses" on the property with the intention of future transport to China, as soon as funds would allow. However, many of these bones still remain on the islands.

Though this cemetery was originally created for the Chinese, people of all cultures and walks of life come to visit.

"Everyone is welcome to go in there with an open heart," said Robert Wong, the cemetery superintendent with the Lin Yee Chung Association.

Wong, of Kailua, regularly tends to the cemetery, and assists families in burials, exhumations and various issues with graves, including repairs. Long before he was appointed superintendent, Wong has had a history with the cemetery. His father was a caretaker at the cemetery, and his family is also

buried there.

The headstones vary in size, shape and age. Many bear Chinese characters in addition to English names. Some graves even have old photographs embedded into the headstone. Wong said some visitors may not realize that the Chinese traditionally place the headstone at the foot of their loved one's grave, not the head. Thus, some visitors have inadvertently sat in inappropriate places.

One of the well-known graves in the cemetery is that of Honolulu Police Department Detective Chang Apana. Apana was the inspiration for the famed fictional character, Charlie Chan, which was featured in books, TV, radio, comics and movies from the 1920s to the 1980s.

Every April, many local families visit the cemetery to pay respects to their loved ones in a festival known as Ching Ming. During Ching Ming, which means "clear and bright," or "pure and bright," families bring offerings of food, flowers and even money to the gravesites of their ancestors. The festival continues for a month, and during this time, members of the association annually perform a traditional Ching Ming ritual called the "Three Presentations Ceremony" at the tomb of the Grand Ancestor. The ritual has 31 steps and is normally completed in an hour.

Douglas Chong, the president of the Hawaii Chinese Historical Center, and a Chinese histo-

rian, said the Ching Ming ceremonies at the cemetery also incorporate Hawaiian music and participation from the military.

Chong also has a connection to the cemetery, as many of his family members are buried there.

"It's a beautiful cemetery and it's very peaceful," Chong said. "But sadly it doesn't have that living aura that used to be there when so many descendants used to come to the grave."

Although locals and tourists continue to visit Manoa Chinese Cemetery each year, Wong also noted that there are less people visiting today than in past decades.

Chong brings his children and grandchildren to visit the family graves on special occasions like Memorial Day and the Ching Ming Festival.

"I explain (the traditions) to my grandchildren, pass down their heritage, their lineage, so they know who these people are and they have a long rich, family history," Chong said.

In addition, Chong said it is important for the family to visit the graves of their ancestors because it contributes to their identity.

"A person's identity in Chinese culture is created through family ties," he said. "It's created through his peers it's created by his whole social structure. A person is not alone. A person is only a link in the long history of family lineage, and with a rich identity, they will live a much richer life."

The Manoa Chinese Cemetery is open daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no fee. Trespassing, loitering, animals or alcohol consumption are not allowed.



Manoa Chinese Cemetery has various statues, including this one, of an enlightened being named Ksitigarbha, revered in Buddhist tradition, both in Japan and China. Many of the statues have plaques offering details about the statue's donor.



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REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your No. 1 source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week’s critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn’t, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you’re not familiar, here’s a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

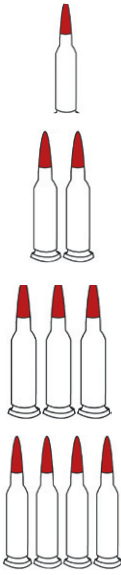
- 1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.
- 2/4 — High And To The Right


Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there’s nothing better to do.
- 3/4 — On Target

Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.
- 4/4 — Confirmed Kill

Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



Better Know A Critic



CHAPMAN

**Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman** enjoys a variety of movies, from 80s to romance to thrillers. She needs to feel what the character feels, the sadness, the pain, the happiness. If she doesn’t feel it, then she will surely lose interest. Movies must have an interesting, original plot, good acting, and a little romance. However, every movie has a chance in her eyes.

‘This is the End’ — of good entertainment

**Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

In “This is the End,” six comedic actors act as themselves during the apocalypse, giving no true plot or conflict besides the fact that it’s the end of the world. It’s basically a bad spoof of “The Mist.”

In this horribly acted and directed film, Jay Baruchel comes to visit his old friend Seth Rogen in Los Angeles, hoping to fix their dwindling friendship with drugs and alcohol. Rogen gets invited to a party with other A-list celebrities like Rihanna, Emma Watson, and Michael Cera.

Everything starts when Rogen and Baruchel leave the party to go to the convenience store. The ground trembles like an earthquake while blue streams of light come from the sky sucking the ‘selected heaven bound’ people, leaving Rogen and Baruchel be-



hind. When they get back to the party, the earthquakes strike again, causing a sinkhole, killing most of the partygoers. The six are left with minimal amounts of food and supplies as the world ends around them. Eventually they grow annoyed with each other, start bickering, and find their way one-by-one up to the gates of Heaven.

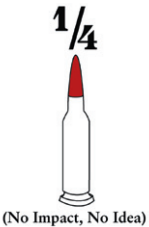
There is no point to this movie, except to lower the IQ of its watchers. Within the first five minutes, I was ready to get up and leave, but because of this review I stayed and lost all hope for upcoming movies. The movie was full of dry, inappropriate humor. I didn’t laugh once, maybe a chuckle here and there. I grew more and more annoyed with the fact that this movie grew worse as it continued. With no plot and simple characters there was no depth to the film.

I basically felt like I was watching a stupid reality TV

show. There were the typical drugs, alcohol, and crude remarks sandwiched between bad graphics and horrible acting. The actors portrayed themselves, which just felt awkward. The whole experience felt awkward. Six comedians in a house should be as funny as it sounds but the crude, no pun humor just didn’t do it for me.

All the actors are known for their comedic movies but it seems they forgot what comedy was when this was written. The movie actually seemed like a poor shot at bringing themselves back into the limelight. James Franco, Jonah Hill, Danny McBride, Craig Robinson, Rogen and Baruchel really let me down. I expected more humor and entertainment from them instead of bad acting and boring conversation.

I would have given this movie a zero but the lowest score the review allows is one. I do not recommend this movie to anyone. It was a waste of \$10.







Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

The summer months are upon us and the Provost Marshal’s Office encourages communities to practice extra vigilance to ensure children and belongings remain safe. As a reminder, PMO recommends to properly secure all personal belongings, vehicles and garage doors. Every community can do their part to prevent theft or larceny and present a hard target. Be sure to report any vandalism or suspicious activity to the PMO desk sergeant at 257-2123.

A service offered to aid you in the protection of your home and belongings is the House Check Program. The purpose of the program is to protect property and prevent or detect burglary, vandalism, and other crimes. Due to the unique makeup of our community on MCB Hawaii, residents frequently go on leave, deployment, etc. and their residence may be unoccupied for extended periods of time. In order to begin the application process, please contact the Crime Prevention section and you will be guided through the process. For more information about the House Check Program, call Molly Pope at 257-8312.

Topic of the Month  
Drug Education for Youth Program

The Drug Education for Youth Program is open for children ages 9 through 12. The DEFY program provides children with access and examples of tools and techniques to resist drugs such as developing leadership skills, instilling positive social skills through participation in team-building, conflict resolution, and decision-making activities. Food, drinks, transportation and supplies will be provided. DEFY is seeking volunteer mentors (must meet eligibility requirements). Eligible mentors must be military dependents or a military member and must be able to make a one year commitment to the program. For more information, call Molly Pope at 257-8312.

To report suspicious activity/behavior or for non-emergency calls, contact the desk sergeant:  
**257-1018/2123 (building 1096)**

For information regarding check in/out, fingerprinting, or weapon registration, contact:  
**257-6994 (building 1095)**

For information regarding pet registration, fishing regulations, or lost/found animals, contact the PMO game warden:  
**257-1821 (building 3099)**

For information regarding vehicle decals, base passes, and vehicle registration, contact:  
**257-2047/0183 (building 1637/1095 for MCB Hawaii)**  
**477-8734/8735 (building 601 for Camp H.M. Smith)**

For information regarding traffic regulations, citations, or traffic court, contact the Traffic Court bailiff: **257-6991/6992 (building 1095)**

For all other numbers not listed, contact base information: **449-7110**

For more information, visit the PMO website:  
**<http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Departments/ProvostMarshalsOffice.aspx>**

**In an emergency, call 911**